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I-15 work may affect employees

By Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat
Press Chief

The Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a Public Information meeting on the widening of I-15 northbound in Barstow on August 29.

The meeting, held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Barstow City Council Chambers, gave residents, business owners and others an opportunity to learn first-hand from Caltrans representative Dennis Green and representatives from contractors doing roadwork for the project, how the construction is expected to impact the Barstow area.

Green and representatives for the contractors explained the scope of

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Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

David Williams ran through the base August 29 on his way to the Santa Monica Pier and the end of Route 66. He started his 2,388-mile journey May 5 in Chicago – the starting point for Route 66. He is running to raise awareness for the preservation of Route 66 – one of the nation's most recognizable landmarks.

PKI introduced at MCLB

Submitted by
Information System Office

The Department of Defense established an infrastructure called the Public Key Infrastructure to support authentication, digital signatures and confidentiality. It is the responsibility of the National Security Agency and the Defense Information Systems Agency to deploy the core, which creates and distributes certificates; tracks certificate revocations, and maintain archives.

So what does this mean to the user of a government-owned information system?

The Assistant Secretary of Defense mandated August 12, 2000, that "PKI certificates shall be issued to all DoD active military and civilian personnel who have access to a DoD Automated Information System."

How does this affect the government employee?

PKI offers the end-user the capabilities to communicate securely by controlling access to the MCLB Barstow intranet for all information, such as Human Resources data, secure e-mail, and PKI-enabled applications; exchange confidential data; and safely and seamlessly integrate the sup-

ply chain by providing a protected environment for safe information exchange at every stage of the manufacturing processes.

Two related keys protect information: a public key and a private key. What one key encrypts, only the other key can decrypt. The public key is made widely available to many individuals. The private key is kept secured by its owner. Public/private keys and certificates do not provide for information assurance by themselves. They are the tools used by

PKI-enabled software applications to actually encrypt or decrypt data



and/or sign and verify signatures. Encryption and digital signatures provide the following: confidentiality (only receiver can view the sender's message), integrity (en-route changes to the data being sent will be detected and invalidate the signature), non-repudiation (the sender

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Identity theft

Submitted by
Staff Judge Advocate's Office

Lately, we have been getting some questions regarding identity theft. Here are a few pointers that are taken from an office pamphlet on the subject.

Sometimes people don't steal your material goods; they steal your identity. This happens when your credit card, bank account or Social Security card numbers are used without your permission. Often the result is a run up of large bills in your name for goods and services you never asked for. This is called identity theft.

There are several steps that you should take if you discover that you have been a victim of this crime:

1. Notify the fraud divisions of the three major credit reporting agencies (listed below) and ask them to flag your account to notify that you are a victim of fraud. A notice can also be placed for creditors to call you at home whenever a new account is applied for.

2. Contact your local police department and district attorney's office. Their numbers

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Focus on safety in and out of uniform



By Sgt. Maj. Alford McMichael
Sgt. Maj., U.S. Marine Corps

At this time, across the world, the issues generated during our recent NCO Symposium are circulating within the Marine Corps. A catalog of concerns was compiled from the concerns voiced by the NCOs at the symposium and properly staffed for due process. I look forward to viewing the responses generated by the different agencies responsible for those issues and seeing the fruits of our labors. Through processes such as this that evaluate USMC policies we can continue to help look after the men and women of our Marine Corps and improve their quality of life.

Soon a group of sergeants major will converge here in Washington, D.C., for a symposium to discuss their issues and concerns. This provides another outlet for the Commandant and I to hear from the Marines who deal firsthand with so many of the issues that affect the Corps worldwide, and learn how our front-line people are handling the different challenges they often face.

As these events unfold within the Marine

Corps, I continue to keep my focus on the overall goal of a safer Corps where all Marines keep safety in mind both in and out of uniform. Despite opinions in society to the contrary, I direct my efforts toward keeping our Marines thinking as much about safety when they're at home as they do while in uniform. Taking care of yourself is a 24-hour a day job that involves taking as many precautions in affairs concerning your overall health as it does following procedures while handling explosives or live ammunition.

To develop that view in the Corps, I point out in communications that safety guidelines need to be followed during the job. Everything from the largest tasks involving artillery or fire support to the smallest ones that include driving from point A to point B involves a degree of risk. Our Marines need to be aware of the ways to minimize the risks involved with any task, regardless of its simplicity, and take any and all precautions to avoid accidents, whether they involve a cut finger or

death.

I hope that by fostering a vigilant safety outlook, our Marines will develop a safety mindset that becomes strong enough to influence behaviors involving alcohol, drugs, sex, and overall health. If someone develops a dependence on drugs or alcohol, they become a liability to the Marine Corps, and their addiction becomes a problem that affects everyone in a unit, and eventually, an entire command. In this era where AIDS continues to devour entire populations, sexually transmitted diseases can no longer be thought of as insignificant things that can be cured by a visit to sickbay. Precautions should be taken in relationships between people. With our new understandings of heart disease, nagging chest pains should not be dismissed as casually as they once were.

Through this new way of thinking, I hope Marines understand their health has far-reaching affects on the Corps as a whole and on the Marines around them.

Just doing our jobs

By Lt. Cmdr. Elmon R. Krupnik
Base Chaplain



I attended a meeting last week in San Diego where the guest speaker was John Finn, the most senior living Medal of Honor recipient by date of action,

December 7, 1941.

Mr. Finn stated that he was just doing his job on that day. His actions, of course, were much more than just doing his job. What impressed me about him was his remembrance by name of his fellow shipmates who made the ultimate sacrifice on that day. Because of those sacrifices, and the sacrifices of others, we enjoy our salvation of freedom.

Do we remember the sacrifices that have made our spiritual salvation possible? Do we value the salvation that we have obtained? For

us to appreciate the value of our salvation, we need to share it with others. It is shared in our attitudes and actions. The value of our salvation is shared by how we live our lives. We honor the sacrifice of salvation by sharing it, by living it. If we do not share it and live it, it really has no value to us.

We have God's protection with us in our spiritual battles when we are just doing our jobs as followers of Him.

Ephesians 6:13 states, *"Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand."*

God's armor includes the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, feet fitted with the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit.

Let's use these tools to live the salvation that God has given to us.

Blessings to all,
Chaplain Krupnik

Just doing my job ...



Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat

Larry Lakes, meatcutter at the MCLB commissary, sanitizes his butchering station at the close of his workday. Lakes has been cutting meat for more than 30 years and has been working at the commissary since it opened about 14 years ago.

Chapel Services

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.
Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.

**Confession services
before Mass**

Nebo Bible Study

Wednesday Noon-1:30 p.m.

At the Chapel Office

For more info call
577-6849.



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NEWS BRIEFS

"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact and phone number, and be received by noon, Friday for the next issue. Submit news briefs via e-mail to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

'President's Own' at White House

"In Performance at the White House - The President's Own" is a television special which features the Marine Band and its 200-year history of performances at the White House.

The program airs tonight at 8 p.m. Eastern Time on PBS (check local listings).

Hosted by Gerald McRaney (Major Dad) and Larry Gatlin, the show also features artists Nell Carter and Toby Keith.

The show was taped on July 30 in the White House East Room and is the first "In Performance" production for President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush.

While the Marine Band has participated in numerous "In Performance" events throughout the years, this show marks the first time the band has had a leading role.

In his remarks, President Bush said, "... we must salute our featured performers, the United States Marine Band, led by Col. Timothy Foley. This great Marine Band is 'The President's Own,' but it's also our nation's treasure."

Military Mixer

The annual community-wide Military Mixer is at the Oasis Club September 13.

The 6:30 p.m. event presents an opportunity for individuals of all civilian walks of life and military ranks from local communities, the National Training Center and Marine Corps Logistics Base to get better acquainted and strengthen community relationships in a friendly social setting.

The Military Affairs Committee of the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce, the NTC and MCLB have co-hosted the mixer for eleven years.

Advance sale tickets are \$16 per person for military officers, civilian leadership and military enlisted E-6 and above and \$12.50 for military enlisted E-1 to E-5.

Tickets are \$18 at the door except for "will calls."

A buffet menu of hot and spicy

drummettes, plain drummettes, meatballs, meat and cheese trays, cream puffs, fruit and relish trays and chips and dips, punch, iced tea and coffee.

A no-host bar is also available.

Advance tickets can be purchased at: Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce, telephone 256-8617, Veterans Home of California-Barstow, 252-6288, Ft. Irwin Public Affairs, telephone 380-4511 and MCLB Public Affairs, telephone 577-6430.

Advance tickets should be purchased by noon, September 7 or call 256-8617 for arrangements for "will call" tickets at the door.

For more information call the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce, 256-8617.

Golf Classic

The Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce 10th Annual Golf Classic is being held at the Tees and Trees Golf Course September 22.

Check-in begins at 7 a.m., and the shotgun start is at 8 a.m.

The tournament format features the Chamber's traditional five-man team scramble. It also includes several popular contests such as Hole in One, Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin.

Registration forms are available at the Chamber office.

For more info contact Billy Rosenberg, 256-1210 or the Chamber, 256-8617.

Main Street USA

Main Street USA returns to Barstow Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For many years, people traveling from the east to the west drove on the famous Route 66 which stretches from the windy city of Chicago to the sunny beaches of Santa Monica, Calif.

Now the whole city bands together for this unique celebration of the historic route which passes directly through the center of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow and the City of Barstow.

Some highlights of the 3rd annual celebration are a car show, concert and quilt show.

The High Desert and Inland Em-

pire car club councils sanction Saturday's Poker Run and Main Street Cruise.

Saturday night the musical group Hotel California is putting on a tribute concert Saturday starting at 6:30 p.m. performing hits from the Eagles - a classic rock group - at the Skyline Drive-in. A barbecue dinner is also being provided by the Slash-X Cafe. This event has an associated cost.

Fill up your tank Sunday morning at the \$3 pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. at the Boys and Girls Club of Barstow before heading off to admire more than 300 pre-1974 classic and custom cars lining the streets of downtown Barstow.

For those less interested in cars, the 2nd Annual Quilt Show is being held in the Main Dining Room at the Historic Harvey House on 681 North First Avenue on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

For more info call Wayne Soppeland, 256-5760; lee Folden, 256-5585; or Dennis Jones, 252-0150.

TMO

The base Travel Management Office coordinator is out of the office from September 9-22.

People needing answers to housing questions or needing appointments must contact the Fort Irwin Travel Management Office at 380-5380/5330/4252/3824 or visit them at Building 312 next to the Burger King on base.

Leave Sharing

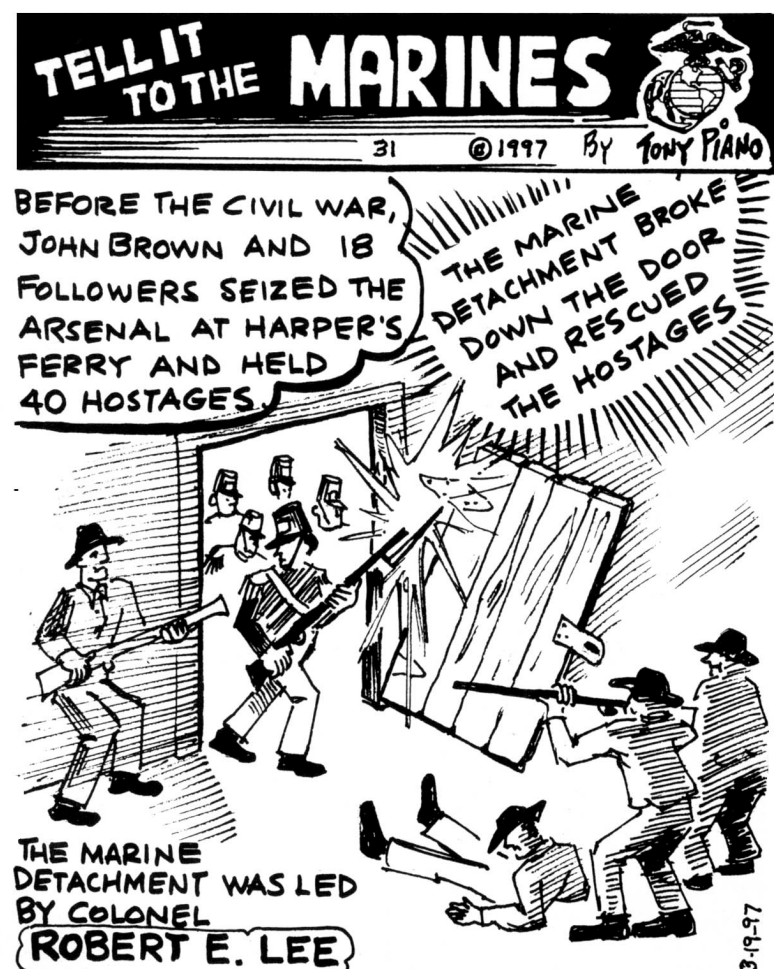
Thomas Stickley, Fire Protection Division, Public Safety Department, is affected by a medical emergency.

Anyone wishing to donate leave may submit a leave donor application to their department's administrative office.

Farmer's Market

The base commissary is holding a Farmer's Market September 14 and 15.

Some items available at this event include watermelon, white corn, 10-pound bags of potatoes, stone fruit and



vine-ripened tomatoes.

For more info call James Meugniot, Commissary Director, 577-6438.

TRICARE for Life

TRICARE for Life, which results in most members of the military retiree community being eligible for benefits formerly provided to those under 65, begins October 1.

TFL briefings are scheduled at the MCLB Oasis Club September 11 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Medicare-eligible uniformed service beneficiaries age 65 and older who have purchased Medicare Part B are encouraged to attend.

Call Gloria Sheppard, 577-6491 ext. 102, for more info.

Eligible beneficiaries were mailed an information packet that describes the new program. The mail-out was finished in August.

Eligible beneficiaries who did not receive an information package should call the toll-free TFL number at 1-888-363-5433. Those who are speech or hearing impaired should call TTY/TDD at 1-877-535-6778.

More info is available at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>.

Medical Receipts May Mean Refund

When the 2001 National Defense Authorization Act was signed into law on October 30, 2000, a number of new TRICARE programs or enhancements were authorized by Congress. Although the law was effective immediately, budget limitations require many of these programs or enhance-

ments be phased in over the next six to 12 months.

For example, on April 1, 2001, out-of-pocket costs (co-pays) for pharmacy were reduced, and for active duty family members in TRICARE Prime other copays were eliminated. Other programs or enhancements will be effective as soon as funding is available. Beneficiaries will be notified of the changes through all available communications channels.

In the meantime, TRICARE is advising beneficiaries to save any receipts (as well as explanations of benefits and other claims-related information) for medical services from Oct. 1, 2000 forward. As each new benefit is implemented, TRICARE will widely publish the details of when and how to submit claims.

For the latest information about TRICARE benefits check online at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>, or call Gloria Sheppard, 577-6491 ext. 102.

Reunion Info

The Third Marine Division Association is holding its 47th annual Family Reunion in Irving, Texas, September 26-30.

All Marines who have served with or been attached to the 3rd MarDiv are encouraged to attend.

Also, the 1st Battalion/3rd Marines is holding its annual reunion in conjunction with the 3rd MarDiv Association reunion.

For more info on either reunion, call Sgt. Maj. Bill Krueger, USMC (ret.), (703) 451-3844 or Bill Ervin, (303) 494-7752.

Job Watch

Annc No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEU-338-01-NR	Small Arms Repairer WS-6610-08	08-14-01	09-14-01	08-29-01	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in announcements beginning with DEA or OTR should submit their résumé to:

Human Resources Service Center, Southwest
ATTN: Code 522 (announcement number)
525 B Street, Suite 600
San Diego, CA 92101-4418

For more information concerning public job announcements visit the Self-Service, Bldg. 37, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office, 577-6357.

If you have Internet access, browse to <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding Open Continuous Merit Promotion announcements point your browser to <http://www.donbr.navy.mil>.

Can you hear the rhythm of the falling rain?

Recent studies shows hearing damage increase in U.S. children may be result of avoidable loud noise.

SAN DIEGO – Listening to the gentle sounds of softly falling rain or hearing birds chirp with the coming dawn are a couple of life’s simple pleasures. But according to the National Institutes of Health, as many as 10 million Americans may not be able to

enjoy such sounds because they have permanent hearing loss. Most noise-induced hearing loss occurs gradually and usually is associated with seniors over 65. But, according to Army Col. Richard D. Kopke, Medical Corps, Director of Naval Medical Center San Diego’s Defense Spatial Orientation Center, age isn’t the only cause of hearing loss. “Noise-induced damage to the ear does not just afflict the older population,” said Kopke. “It can just as easily afflict children.”

According to a recent study conducted by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, there is a dramatic increase in cases of hearing damage in children in the United States. Loud rock music and earphones may be a major reason for the increased cases of hearing damage in young people.

Continued exposure to any loud noise can cause permanent hearing damage. Airplanes, firearms, loud music, fireworks, power tools and lawn mowers are among many environmental factors that can be a potential threat to hearing. Once the ear has been damaged by noise, it is impossible to repair it. Hearing aids can improve quality of hearing, but don’t repair hearing damage with use. When noise is too loud, the nerve endings in the inner ear are destroyed. The nerve endings do not regenerate and cannot be

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– Center for Disease Control and Prevention

restored once the damage is done. Over time, the number of nerve endings decreases, and hearing loss sets in. So how do you determine if a noise is too loud? Sensitivity to noise differs for people, but there are ways to determine if a noise is damaging to your ears.

- A noise that hurts your ears.
- Your ears ring after exposure to a loud noise.
- You have difficulty hearing for several hours after exposure to noise.

- If you have to shout over a loud noise to be heard, then the noise is too loud.

The longer you are exposed to a loud noise, the more damaging it will be. But hearing loss isn’t inevitable. It can be prevented.

“The best hearing protection against noise-induced hearing loss is to simply avoid loud noises,” said Kopke. “It is a good idea to wear earplugs or special earmuffs when you expect that you will be in a noisy situation.” The type of protection will depend upon the loudness of the noise, but cotton balls and wads of tissue paper are not sufficient protection, whatever the noise level. Educate children about the importance of protecting their hearing. Loud music, fireworks, sporting events with screaming fans and other activities are appealing to many, but can be potential threats to hearing.

Your education: 100% paid for

By Sgt. Katesha Niman
MCB Quantico

HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS, Washington – Marines looking to better their lives and careers with a college education are now able to do it practically for free.

Through the Tuition Assistance Top-Up program, Marines can use tuition assistance in conjunction with any type of Veteran's Affairs education benefit to cover up to 100 percent of their tuition.

However, only those service members who are eligible to receive VA benefits and are either a veteran or have served at least 24 months on active duty, are eligible for this program. Once these requirements are met, the member has 10 years after the date of his or her discharge to benefit from the program.

Marines enrolled in the program can use the Top-Up benefits for up to 36 months or until the \$23,400 of their Montgomery GI Bill or VA benefit is exhausted.

Once approved for Top-Up, full-time students can receive up to \$650 a month from their MGIB to pay for tuition and fees. The amount per month varies depending on the individual goals of the student.

According to Natalie Galvin, program coordinator for Lifelong Learning, the program is not for everyone.

"Counseling, counseling, counseling. Anyone who is thinking about applying for this program should definitely get counseling from either a VA representative or their base education officer before doing so," Galvin insisted, "counseling is the key to getting exactly what's right for you."

Galvin also compared taking advantage of the program is like buying stock - without proper counseling, you could be throwing your money away.

With proper counseling, though, Marines can avoid running into misconceptions about the program. One misconception about the program that many Marines have is that the Top-Up program won't affect their Marine Corps College Fund. When in fact, it adversely does. For example, if Sgt. Joe Marine decides to use his MGIB with the Top-Up program and uses all of his money by the time he gets out of the Corps, he can no longer use his Marine Corps College Fund, because the MCCF must be used in conjunction with the MGIB. That means, no

money in his MGIB, no Marine Corps College Fund.

So taking part in this program would probably not be in Sgt. Marine's best interest. Just as long as you have money in your MGIB, you can use your college fund but only until the MGIB money runs out.

For a Marine who does not have the MCCF and has been in the Corps for at least two years, taking advantage of the Top-Up program may be a good idea if he would not be able to afford to pay for college any other way.

"This program is not for everyone," said Galvin, "but it is a great program for that Marine who really needs that degree before entering the civilian job market where having a degree is the minimum requirement for a good job."

In addition to the recent implementation of the Top-Up program, the Buy-Up program was implemented to increase the amount service members receive from their MGIB.

By contributing \$600 to their Montgomery GI Bill that is already worth \$23,400, Marines will receive \$5,400, which will then make their MGIB worth \$28,800 – an 800 percent return!

Unfortunately, Marines who chose to not hang around and were discharged before May 1, 2001, must submit \$600 to their nearest Marine Corps disbursing office no later than July 31, 2001 in order to participate in the Buy-Up program.

Only active duty service members who came onto active duty on or after June 30, 1985 are eligible to participate in the program.

This program also has negative aspects to it, but Frank Stevenson, Public Affairs Specialist, Personal and Family Readiness Division, said that's why counseling is so important.

"It's a super set of benefits, if you know how to use it. By sitting down and talking with a counselor about all of your options, you will always get what's right for you," Stevenson explained, "You have to be armed with information."

With all of the details and exceptions to the Top-Up and Buy-Up programs, Marines are strongly encouraged to discuss their education plans with their base education officer before choosing to utilize the programs.

Marines can also visit the Veteran's Affairs Web site at <http://www.gibill.va.gov> for more details.

Editor's Note:

Please call the Base Education Office, 577-6118, for counseling before beginning any sort of educational program.

Research confirms club drug's long-range damage

By Susan M. Koerner
Naval Forces Marianas

GUAM – The club drug Ecstasy has mushroomed into one of the most widely used, yet deadly, drugs making rounds on the street.

The early results of studies on humans show lasting brain damage in those who use the drug. The results were presented during the recent National Institute of Drug Abuse conference at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md.

In a study at University College in London, researchers studied current and former Ecstasy users and compared them with people who smoked marijuana and abused alcohol. The results showed marked impairments on the memory and concentration tests of Ecstasy users. Even after a year, these users had not shown any recovery of their memory.

“Alcohol abuse can cause damage to the brain,” said BMC Jeffery Meyer, Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counselor, U.S. Naval Hospital Guam. “The fact that Ecstasy does even more damage is startling.”

The Navy has a zero-tolerance stance on substance abuse. It is currently stepping up its methods to detect Ecstasy and other synthetic drugs in urinalysis testing.

“We know it's prevalent, and we know Sailors [and Marines] are using it,” said Meyer. “Part of the drug's popularity is that it leaves the body quickly, making it difficult to detect.”

Published reports said that the military is increasing the frequency of random drug testing and implementing harsher penalties for first-time offenders. Anyone caught selling narcotics faces a court-martial.

Despite street talk to the contrary, Meyer cautions that the drug can be dangerous in many ways – even deadly.

When used in clubs or raves, users dance in close quarters, and they usually do not drink enough water. Dehydration and extreme body temperature has been the cause of death for many users, according to NIDA.

“It can raise your body temperature to as

high as 108 degrees,” Meyer said.

Psychological complications include confusion, depression, sleep problems, drug cravings, severe anxiety and paranoia. The effects can sometimes last weeks after taking the drug.

Physical symptoms such as muscle tension, involuntary teeth clenching, nausea, blurred vision, rapid-eye movement, faintness and chills or sweating are also side effects of the drug.

Medical evidence suggests that users who develop a rash, similar in appearance to acne, may be risking liver damage if they continue to use the drug.

Emergency room visits have skyrocketed as a result of Ecstasy use.

“Twenty-one hospitals in the United States reported an increase from 250 admissions in 1994 to 4,500 in 2000,” Meyer said.

Since Ecstasy is a synthetic drug, its potency varies, according to researchers. Users don't know what they are purchasing, with some dealers passing off concoctions of caffeine and dextromethorphan, an ingredient in cough syrup.

“You don't know what you're getting,” Meyer said.

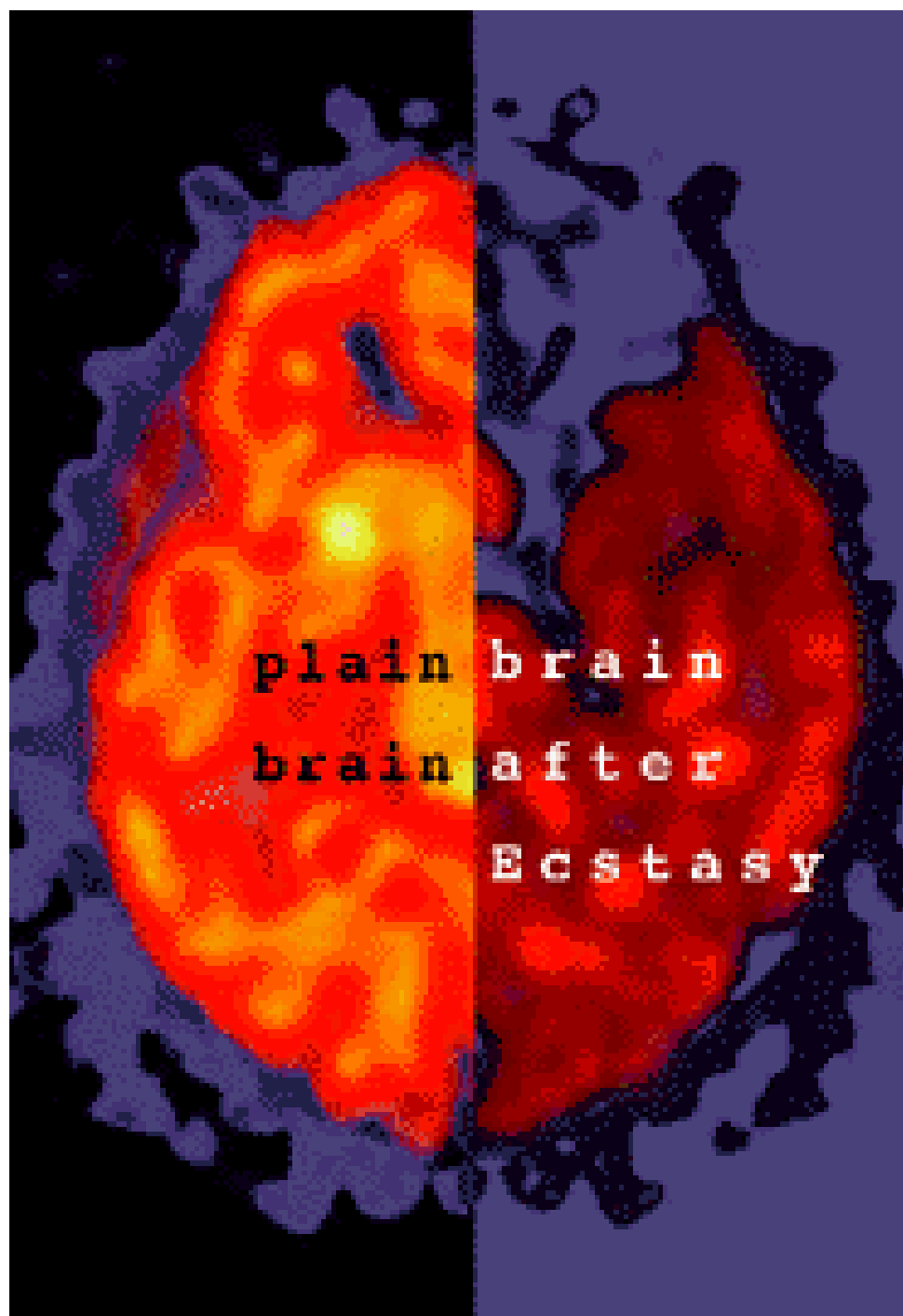
The drug affects the serotonin levels in the brain, forcing the serotonin out and changing the structure of the brain cell.

In addition to these changes in serotonin sites, scientists have found that Ecstasy injures serotonin neurons. These neurons don't grow back in the normal fashion and might not grow back in the right location.

Meyer stressed the drug is highly addictive. “It's so important that they stop now if they are using it, before they destroy themselves, their lives and their families,” Meyer added.

Active duty military personnel who test positive for drug use are usually processed for an administrative discharge. If other circumstances, such as an assault or an arrest occur with the drug use, they could face additional charges under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Each command has a drug and alcohol



Graphic courtesy of NIDA

These brain scans show the sharp difference in human brain function for an individual who has never used drugs and one who used the club drug Ecstasy many times, but had not used any drugs for at least 3 weeks before having the scan. The left half shows active serotonin sites in the brain. Serotonin is a critical neurochemical that regulates mood, emotion, learning, memory, sleep, and pain. The dark sections in the right half are serotonin sites that are not present even after 3 weeks without any drugs. In addition to these changes in serotonin sites, scientists have found that Ecstasy injures serotonin neurons. Although these can re-grow, they don't grow back normally and might not grow back in the right location.

program adviser who can refer Sailors, Marines and their family members to resources. Locally, outreach programs by the mental health department are also available to

commands.

For more information about Ecstasy, go to <http://navdweb.spawar.navy.mil> and access the link “Drugs of Abuse.”

AROUND THE CORPS

50th streamer attached to Marine Corps Battle Colors

Story by Marine Barracks Washington Public Affairs

MARINE BARRACKS, WASHINGTON – The Kosovo Campaign Streamer was added to the official Battle Colors of the Marine Corps during the final Evening Parade of the 2001 season here, hosted by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones.

Secretary of the Navy and guest of honor, Gordon R. England, attached the streamer to the colors, before a crowd of more than 3,000 guests.

The Kosovo Campaign Streamer has two bronze stars representing the two components of the campaign – air and defense.

In 1999, Marines participated in an air campaign against the forces of Slobodan Milosevic, then-president of Yugoslavia. The attacks forced Milosevic's forces to stop oppressing ethnic Albanians living in Kosovo. On Sept. 24, 2000, Milosevic was defeated at the polls by opposition candidate Vojislav Kostunica.

Since 1999, Marines have served in Kosovo to cool ethnic strife in the region.

Former President Clinton established the Kosovo Campaign Medal and the accompanying campaign streamer to recognize those whom participated in Kosovo operations or provided direct support.

While the campaign revolved around Kosovo, it involved forces that also operated in or over Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia, Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Greece, Bulgaria, Italy, Slovenia, the Adriatic, and the Ionian Sea.

The streamer commemorating these actions now joins the 49 other streamers representing the entire battle history of the U.S. Marine Corps.

The streamers represent the Corps' large actions, such as its battles in World War II and World War I, and small actions, such as the Barbary Wars and the Dominican Campaign.

Marine Barracks Washington is the home of the official Battle Colors of the Marine Corps.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Leah A. Cobble

Secretary of the Navy and guest of honor, Gordon R. England, attaches the Kosovo Campaign Streamer to the official Battle Colors of the Marine Corps at Marine Barracks Washington before a crowd of more than 3,000 guests at the Evening Parade, August 31. The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones, hosted the event.

State Department seeking employees with military experience

By Sgt. M. V. Trindade
Headquarters Marine Corps

WASHINGTON – Secretary of State Colin Powell has recently initiated the largest expansion within the U. S. State Department in decades. The State Department is targeting transitioning military personnel to fill its ranks in both Civil and Service positions in an effort to meet its goal of hiring 1,433 new career personnel in Fiscal Year 2002, 43 percent above this year.

The State Department created a Diplomatic

Readiness Task Force to meet these new recruiting goals. The Task Force was given special authorization for expanded recruitment efforts including a stronger focus on finding people at the end of their military tours.

There is a wide range of opportunities of potential interest to the military, according to a press release from the U. S. State Department. More than 500 former military personnel have entered the Department in the last two years.

The Department is sending its recruiters to military installations in metropolitan areas such as San Antonio, San Diego, Seattle and Washington D. C. as well as several cities in Florida. In addition to these

visits, the Department also participates in military job fairs and employment panels and expanding cooperation with the Transition Assistance Program.

For more information on Foreign Service careers log on to <http://www.foreignservicecareers.gov>. Individuals with technical and administrative skills may seek out opportunities for employment as Foreign Service Specialists by visiting <http://www.state.gov/ml/dgbr/hr/specialist>. Current Civil Service jobs are listed on the Office of Personnel Management Web site at <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

24th MEU (SOC) visit WW I site

By Lance Cpl. Jeff Sisto
24th MEU

CHATEAU THIERRY, France – When Marines and Sailors of the 24th MEU (Special Operations Capable) embarked aboard USS Kearsarge visited the city of Toulon, in southern France, they had the opportunity to tour a legendary Marine Corps battlefield.

On August 17, a group of 145 Marines boarded buses and drove 12 hours to the town of Chateau Thierry, about 250 kilometers northeast of Paris, to tour Belleau Wood. Their guide, Gilles Lugin, a local resident and 27-year student of the World War I battle, met the Marines early Saturday morning. Shortly thereafter, the tour was underway.

Lugin and the MEU Marines set out in the hot sun at a brisk pace through rugged farmland and old villages, stopping briefly to study landmarks on a small map. Faint trails led past grazing cows and milling sheep. Lugin spoke softly and with a thick French accent as he offered a wealth of knowledge of this epic battle.

The tour began at the Aisne-Marne Cemetery, located at the northern tip of the patch of woods where this famous battle took place, and covered every inch of ground the Marines of the 5th and 6th Regiments took from the Germans in June and July 1918. The majority of the land has remained unchanged since 1918 where the Marines fought and earned numerous decorations, one being the French *fourragere*, which the 5th and 6th Marines still wear to this day.

In late May 1918, there were only three Marine Divisions available to help stop the German offensive in France. The 1st and 3rd were sent to Paris and elsewhere to fight alongside the British while the 2nd was positioned outside of the town of Chateau Thierry near the Le Marnes river. When the Germans took the town of Belleau, the Marines were sent in to hold the trench lines at the southern end of the woods behind the village.

On June 6, one battalion of Marines stopped two advancing German regiments with only rifles and machine guns, as their artillery had not yet arrived. The Marines held their ground. This was the beginning of the battle of Belleau Wood, which became the first major engagement for the Marine Corps in World War I.

As the 24th MEU (SOC) Marines

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CDC offers kindergarten preparatory classes to tots

By Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat
Press Chief

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Children and Youth Programs is offering the Kindergarten Readiness Program for children attending kindergarten during the 2002 school year.

The program is based on a core curriculum of reading readiness, math readiness, phonics, music and movement, art and science. According to Aricia Phillips, Child Development Center educational technician, the program is designed to give youngsters the tools they will need to be successful in kindergarten.

"The program is not new; it's been around for quite awhile," said Phillips, "but now we are openly offering the program to children who haven't previously attended the center because we have spaces available in the program."

While there is normally a waiting list to attend the CDC, there is some room to accommodate more children in the program on a first-come, first-served basis.

One prerequisite for children enrolling in the program is they must turn age five before December 1, 2002. The program runs in concurrence with the regular school year, beginning one-week later and ending one before, according to Phillips.

The Child Development Center boasts a program that is fully accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, according to Teresa Meugniot, CDC director.

There are two formats for the program. An earlier session is conducted 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. A six-hour format, scheduled from 8:30 to 2:30 p.m., is available as well.

"The first of the month I send the children home with a homework packet for the children to do with the help of their parents," Phillips said of the program she instructs. "We have had children who were in the program skip kindergarten and go directly to the first grade before, but it comes from a combination of what we do here and the parents taking an active role."

Parents enrolling their children in the program can expect for youngsters to develop better listening skills, be more cooperative, and be familiar with, if not know, their alphabet, numbers and some words, according to Phillips.

The emphasis is on preparing the children for what they will learn in kindergarten.

"If [children] don't learn it all now, they will learn it later in kindergarten because of the foundation our program gives them," said Phillips.

Enrollment is limited to 24 children. Program cost includes a morning snack and lunch.

Cost depends on the household income level. For parents wishing to transport their children to the Child Development Center before 8:30 a.m. or who have children needing to stay past the scheduled hours for the program, hourly care is available.



Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat

For more information about the Children and Youth Program's Kindergarten Readiness Program, parents can visit the Child Development Center between 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. or call 577-6059.

Jay Droegemeier (**Front**), Mark Soules and Lilly Hernandez showcase handiwork typical of what students in the Children and Youth Program's Kindergarten Readiness Program will do in the arts portion of the curriculum.



Storm Damage

Story and photos by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

MCLB was in the dark for a while on Labor Day.

A severe thunderstorm literally blew its way through the base causing minor damage. The worst of the damage knocked out the power for a couple of hours and the television cable for almost a day.

At about 4 p.m. the winds started picking up, followed by heavy rain.

"I had signs flying at me," said Lance Cpl. Michael Ojeda, military policeman, who was manning the front gate at Nebo when the storm hit. "I went outside to wave a car onto base and about got carried away by the wind."

The damage on base was felt everywhere. Roofing material was blown off in the Eniwetok Housing Area. Power lines went down on Golf Course Road. A tree went down in the Enlisted Housing Area. A power pole by the RV Park fell to the ground. Signs

all over base were uprooted. All this happened just on the Nebo side.

At Yermo, doors were damaged at warehouses. More power lines went down just outside the front gate. Parts racks were blown over. Areas looked like ponds as they flooded over.

Daggett-Yermo Road became impassible. Authorities sealed it off, which meant all the employees working at Yermo had to take Interstate 15 to get to the base.

Just after the storm, parts of National Trails Highway south of the base had rushing streams going across it. Getting closer to town, it looked like a gravel road from the erosion of dirt and rocks that covered the road.

Considering all this damage, none of it was major, and there were no injuries, and none of the damage caused work stoppages.



(ABOVE LEFT) A portable toilet on C Street at Nebo was blown on its side by the winds in the storm. (ABOVE) A sliding door was partially ripped off its hinges at Warehouse 404 at the Yermo Annex. There were several other doors damaged in the storm as well. (BELOW) The roof of 2008 Eniwetok incurred damage in the storm. Part of the roofing material was pulled up by the high winds.





By Jim Gaines

MCCS Publicity

Anniversary Sale at MCX

The Marine Corps Exchange is celebrating its 104th anniversary. Drop by your MCLB Exchange-Super Seven Store and check out the great buys in their Anniversary Sale. Don't miss the big sidewalk sale, Saturday, September 15 – fun and giveaways, food and lots of great buys. The sidewalk sale is 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Exchange/Super Seven Store is open Mondays-Fridays, 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturdays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sundays and holidays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

The Yermo Exchange is open Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (During troop rotations open Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.) and Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Lunch menu

Today – Nebo: Soup and salad bar.

Yermo: Turkey and ham sub.

Friday – Hoki fish and rice or macaroni and cheese.

Monday – Yankee pot roast.

Tuesday – Beef and broccoli.

Wednesday – BLT sub sandwich.

Thursday – Spaghetti.

Lunch is served at Nebo: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Yermo: 11:30 a.m.-noon.

Cost: \$3 military, \$4.50 civilians.

Family Night Menu

Tonight – Steamship round.

Next Thursday – Prime rib.

Family Night dinners served Thursdays at the Oasis Club: 4:30-7:30 p.m. Prices: Adults \$4.50, children five to 11 years \$2.50, children under four years are free.

Pools open through September

The base swimming pools will remain open through September 30. The hours of operation are:

The Family Pool – Lap swimming only Mondays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Open swimming is Fridays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Oasis Club Pool – Open swimming Fridays-Sundays, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Mondays-Thursdays.

Magic Mountain open longer

Magic Mountain is open through September. Save more than 50 percent on tickets through ITT. Enjoy this extended time at the park with half-price tickets.

ITT is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed Saturday and Sunday.

ITT tickets are available after business hours at the Bowling Center. Call 577-6541 for more information.

You're invited to the Ceramic Hobby Shop's 9th annual Open House

**Sunday, September 16
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
at the Ceramic Hobby Shop**

**Professionals from
Ceramic and Crafts
will be giving demonstrations
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Learn new tricks and fresh ideas
from the pros.**

**There will be drawings for
finished ceramic pieces.**

Refreshments will be available.

Drop by and join us!

**CERAMIC HOBBY SHOP
Wednesdays-Fridays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Call 577-6228 for more info.**



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the I-15 construction project and answered questions from the attendees.

"From what was learned, we aren't anticipating major closures for the construction of a third lane, but they are installing [construction barriers] for the crews to work behind for safety reasons," noted Louisa Miller, Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce. "And there is only a slight possibility of any access ramps being closed. However, if so, it would be for the shortest amount of time possible," added Miller.

Members of the MCLB Barstow community who commute to work from Victorville and surrounding areas by way of the I-15 may find the upcoming meetings particularly useful for their morning commute to work.

The construction area will run from Lenwood to the I-15/I-40 split and is expected to get under way this month. According to a CalTrans press release, it is anticipated that the project will take 12 to 15 months to complete. The work involves adding a third traffic lane through the construction area.

Monthly Public Advisory Committee meetings with CalTrans representatives, contractors, residents and the business community are on the agenda for the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce, said Miller; however, the exact dates are still pending.

The meetings are designed to keep city officials, the business community and area residents informed of the scope of the construction project.

The Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce is located at 409 East Fredricks St. can be contacted by phone at 256-8617.

More information about interstate construction or roadwork in San Bernardino County is listed at <http://www.dot.ca.gov>.

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can be found in your yellow pages.

3. Open a file with the Federal Trade Commission's identity theft department.

4. Notify your bank and credit card companies. Close your accounts and start new ones. Close permanently the accounts that may have been opened fraudulently and notify the institution of the fraud.

5. Notify the proper government authorities of the fraud. If you suspect mail fraud, contact the postmaster; if you suspect someone is using your Social Security number, contact the Social Security Administration; if you suspect some is using your license then contact the DMV. Also, if you suspect someone is using your checking account call the check verification agencies. (numbers are provided below).

How to avoid being a victim:

- Keep identifying numbers out of your purse or wallet. Carry around a single credit card, or leave credit cards home except when needed. Do not carry vital documents like passports, birth certificates or Social Security cards unless you really need to have them on

you. Keep these documents secure in your home.

- Have your name removed from marketing lists by contacting three major credit reporting agencies.

- Only give your Social Security number when absolutely necessary. Always ask if you can give other information for identifying purposes.

- Order a copy of your credit report from the three credit reporting agencies once a year. Make sure they have accurate information and cancel unused credit card accounts.

- Secure your mail. Never put payments or other sensitive material out for the postman to pick up.

- Never give personal information over the phone unless you initiated the call, and then only if you trust the company or institution you are dealing with.

- Shred or rip up into little pieces any document that contains your personal information before you throw it away.

- Depersonalize your pin numbers and passwords.

For more information, pick up a pamphlet at the legal assistance office located in Building 236.

Major Credit Reporting Agencies and Government Offices

Credit Reporting Agencies

Equifax	(800) 525-6285
Experian	(800) 397-3742
Trans Union	(800) 680-7289
Telecheck	(800) 710-9898

Government Offices

International Check Services	(800) 631-9656
Equifax	(800) 437-5120
Social Security Administration	(800) 269-0271
Federal Trade Commission	(800) 438-4338
Post Office Inspector	(626) 405-1200
DMV CA	(866) 658-5758

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cannot refute the data was actually sent), and authentication (verification of the sender).

After September 30, 2002, an end-user may not access to PKI-enabled applications without a valid PKI Identity Certificate. The known DoD and Marine Corps applications, which will require PKI access, are: Defense Travel System, Electronic Document Access, Joint Computer-Aided Acquisition Logistical Support System, Performance Evaluation System and e-mail. PKI-enabled Web sites already exist but only those with certificates may access them.

The Assistant Secretary of Defense stated in his memorandum that "... all electronic mail sent within the Department will be digitally signed by October 2002, and components are encouraged to encrypt e-mail within

the department." The bottom line here is that without a valid PKI certificate uploaded to a browser, you will not be able to do your job after September 30, 2002.

The full memorandum can be found on the MCLB Intranet Web site at <http://mclbonline> under Organizations, Information Systems Office. There is a link labeled PKI Info with all the current information for MCLB Barstow users. As more information becomes available, it will be posted to the Web site.

The Information Systems Office and David J. Watson, a retired gunnery sergeant and contractor who is working full time to issue PKI certificates, has so far issued more than 200 certificates to base personnel. Fleet Support Division and the Information Systems Office are almost completed registering their personnel followed by the Comptroller Department

and Administration Support Department. The remaining departments will be scheduled soon. Users will be informed when their department is to receive PKI certificates.

Before obtaining a PKI certificate the user must complete the PKI End User Request Document that is located on the MCLB Online Web site. The user can complete the form in advance by accessing the Web site and printing the form. When prompted to save the changes to the form, please do not. Users can retain their document until the contractor contacts their respective departments. Additionally, the user must show proof of identification.

For convenience a PKI mailbox has been established for users to address any PKI questions or concerns. The user can send email to SMB BARSTOW PKI and will receive a response from the mailbox.



(ABOVE) Mike Rasmussen chips his shot towards the green.
(FAR RIGHT) Dallas Miller putts on the second green.

PMO duffers outshoot competition

Story and photos by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

The Marine Corps Ball Golf Tournament was held Friday at the Tees and Trees Golf Course.

Ten teams participated in the event. It got off to a good start as all the teams were playing well.

As always, the golfers were supported by Marines who worked at the event. Simei Rosario and Alma Fragoso drove around the course in a golf cart selling sodas, water, and candy bars for donations. The golfers were putting on a good show as well. While only five teams came in under

par after nine holes, no team finished above eight over par on the day.

At the turn, the golfers were treated to hot dogs, hamburgers, and fixings. After lunch a raffle was held. A gift certificate for golf supplies was given out along with free car washes and sleeves of golf balls.

After the raffle, the top four teams headed back onto the course to find out who was going to be number one.

The team to finish first consisted of James Daly, Nicholas Betlewicz, Joseph Carte and Mark Russell.

They finished at 11 under par for the tournament.

Second place belonged to Dallas Miller, David Pooler, Mike Rasmussen, and Jay Thomas. After taking the first place trophy home most of the time, Miller had to settle for silver this time.

The third place medals went to Anthony Hill, Jaime Lugo, Jose Sanchez, and Mario Marin-miramontes. They finished at seven under par for the tournament in a good showing.

The golf tournament raised money for this year's Marine Corps Ball.



(ABOVE) Daniel Weaver unloads on the fourth fairway.



SPORTS

Team Marine racing to get to NASCAR's Bristol

By Staff Sgt. Gregory S. Gilliam
MCRD Parris Island

RECRUITING STATION, Nashville – Marines Racing made a return to where the program began two years ago. Although everything from the team to the paint scheme is slightly different, the basic principals of success, teamwork and perseverance still exist. If crowd participation and recognition are any indication, Marines Racing has grown from a who's that of racing, to a who's who of racing.

"At that time everyone who talked to us thought it was a one-shot deal," said Staff Sgt. Johnny R. McKnight, Recruiting Substation Johnson City, Tenn. McKnight was one of the recruiters present at the first appearance of then number 76 Team Marines race car driven by Kerry Earnhardt. "We have a lot of kids who know about the car. I am amazed that it has stayed around and of the support it receives."

Fans from across North America transcended on State Street here to take part in the Food City Family Race Night, a daylong show of pride and appreciation toward racing. The event, which is held annually on the state line that divides Tennessee and Virginia in downtown Bristol, draws more than 50,000 people to the site of the fastest short track in the country. The event gives the fans an up close and personal look at the drivers and cars from various racing organizations – including the Marines.

"To come here and be a part of an event where it all started is incredible," said Randy Tolsma, 35, driver of the number 25 Marines.com race car as he signed one of more than 500 autographs. "I feel the Marines are out here doing a first rate job in an event that is great for a small town and community."

Tolsma, who is starting his career with his first Busch Grand National Division Car, added he did not realize how special it was to be involved with the Marines until he became their driver.

"You realize just how proud Marines are,"



Photo by Staff Sgt. Gregory S. Gilliam

A crowd gathers around the Marines' booth on State Street in Bristol, Tenn., during the Food City Family Race Night August 23

said the 35-year old driver. "It is great just to see former Marines come up and say 'Semper Fi.'"

Marine recruiters from Recruiting Substation Johnson City, Tenn., Recruiting Station Nashville, helped to expose the ever-merging two worlds of the Marine Corps and NASCAR at one of the places where NASCAR's closest thing to war takes place.

Bristol is considered, by many fans, one of the most exciting races on the racing circuit due to its high speeds and numerous acci-

dents. That is why fans from all lifestyles turn out to see the cars and drivers.

"We had a whole lot of people come by, so it was great for public relations," said Sgt. Stephen J. Culberson, recruiter from Permanent Contact Station Kingsport, Tenn. "People were walking up and down the streets talking about the Marines and carrying Marine stuff."

All totaled, recruiters were able to generate nearly 350 leads during the eight-hour event. While the numbers were not that overwhelming, it is little indication of the crowds that

flocked to the booth throughout the day. Many fans were surprised by the Marines involvement in NASCAR others were checking on the status of the team. Many were just there to get an autograph, poster or do pull-ups.

"This is such an asset because NASCAR is starting to appeal to younger fans," McKnight said. "Two years ago these guys didn't seem that into it, but now we can go down the streets and see Team Marines shirts on their backs."

SPORTS BRIEFS

All-Marine Ironman Team Lottery

The 2002 All-Marine Ironman Hawaii Triathlon team will be selected by the Ironman Hawaii Race Director. Selections will be made from Marines who have qualified at qualifying events and Marines who have submitted a lottery application.

The on-line lottery application will be available on Ironman Hawaii's Web Site at <http://www.ironmanlive.com>.

Marines must apply for the lottery if they want to be considered for the 2002 All-Marine Team. Marines who have applied for the lottery will then be required to submit applications to Semper Fit.

10th Annual Golf Classic

The Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce 10th Annual Golf Classic is September 22 at the Marine Corps Logistics Base's the Tees and Trees Golf Course.

Check-in begins at 7 a.m., and the shotgun start is at 8 a.m.

The tournament format features the Chamber's traditional five-man team scramble. It also includes several popular contests such as Hole in One, Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin. Registration forms are available at the Chamber office.

For more info contact Billy Rosenberg, 256-1210 or the Chamber, 256-8617.

GUNNY'S PICKS

Week 1

Yes, Sports Fans, it's that time of year. The Gunny's Picks is kicking off again. Best of luck to all of you this year.

Call 577-6451 for rules and other legal mumbo-jumbo.

Carolina at Minnesota*
Chicago at Baltimore*
*Washington at San Diego
Detroit at Green Bay*
*New Orleans at Buffalo
Oakland at Kansas City*
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville*

*Indianapolis at NY Jets
Tampa Bay at Dallas*
*New England at Cincinnati
*Atlanta at San Francisco
Miami at Tennessee*
St. Louis at Philadelphia*
*Seattle at Cleveland

Monday Night

NY Giants at Denver* (35)

Total points: _____

Name, work section and phone number: _____

Monday night's game is a tie-breaker and must include a total score.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jeff Sisto

Sergeant Justin Mercer, Echo 2/10, Section Chief, and Lance Cpl. Kenneth Castille, Echo 2/10, Artillery, fold the National Ensign at a ceremony August 18 at Chateau Thierry, France, in remembrance of the fallen Marines in the Battle of Belleau Wood as part of a tour taken by some of the Marines and Sailors of the 24th MEU (Special Operations Capable).

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moved along roads and dusty fields, it became evident that the tour was mirroring the movements of the Marines during the actual battle. A small clearing marked the bivouac site where the WWI Marines camped on the first night after a hard fight. When the tour reached the top of a large hill in front of the woods, the guide pulled out his

map and explained how two companies of Marines were decimated crossing a large wheat field, where their bodies remained where they fell for nearly three months because of superior enemy fire power, in an attempt to ascend the hill and secure the left flank of their line. It is now called Hill 142. Gunnery Sgt. Carl Hoffman was the first Marine awarded the Medal of Honor during WWI for his actions there. Only a handful of Marines made it across the field.

By crossing the wheat field and taking Hill 142, the Marines were able to secure the southern end of Belleau Wood. By the end of June 6, the Marines were faced with more than 1,000 casualties. Members of the tour reflected on this fact as they traced their forebears' steps. "For me, this has been the best part of the float – all this history. For us to be able to walk it and realize that there were men who fought and died here is a good experience," said Lance. Cpl. Jason Pelfrey, from Goodlettsville, Tenn., Motor Transport, Echo Battery 2/10. One fact that stood out during the tour was that the Marines fighting the battle were relegated to one canteen every two days. It was a stark fact, in light of the tour-goers' access to their "Camelback" water carriers. It is said that, at one point in the battle, Marines fought the Germans in the village for a known water source. It was a well that sprouted from a sculpted lion's head within the gates of a local farm. When the tour reached the fountain, the Marines waited in line to view this figurine and reflect upon the sacrifices of the Marines who fought and spilt their blood for a simple canteen of water. Clusters of rocks where the Germans took cover from attacking Marines still bore pockmarks from ricocheting bullets and moss-covered trenches showed the signs of their retreat through the woods. You could almost feel Gunnery Sgt. Dan Daly yelling words of encouragement to his unit as they were stalled during one of their attacks. As the tour neared its end, the Marines were led to a monument where the last of the German forces tried to fend off the pursuing Marines. The monument depicts a Marine without a shirt and gear advancing with only

rifle and bayonet. The road continued through the center of the woods littered with fighting positions, artillery pieces and ordnance from this battle leading the tour to the chapel and cemetery. Marines walked up and down the two convex plots of graves searching for familiar names or states. There are 2,289 Marine graves in the cemetery, 251 of which have yet to be identified. Twenty-five Marines are still classified as missing. The last known body, of a fallen Marine, was found in a farmer's field in 1988. To the north of the American Cemetery there is a small plot that holds individual and mass graves for the German soldiers who fought in these woods. After some last words from Lagin, four Marines dressed in "Charlies" raised the American flag and Marine Corps colors at the flagpoles in the middle of the two grave plots, while the rest of the group stood in formation at attention. The two senior members of the detail laid a wreath on the steps leading to the chapel that read, "Thank you for your ultimate sacrifice, from a thankful Corps." The tour members observed a moment of silence for their fallen brothers and then marched to their final point on the tour which is "Devil-dog" fountain. Lagin stated, "It is said that any Marine who drinks from this fountain will add 20 years to his life." The fountain is situated in the small town of Belleau and springs from the head of a large figurine in the shape of a legendary "Devil-dog." At the end of the day, Marines pitched tents to spend the night on a hill just behind a chapel where the Marines who bled the ground red swept the Germans off the hill and out of the woods.

Please submit all Trader Ads to
editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

2001 VW Jetta GLX: VRG eng., manual, prem. Monsoon Sound Sys., Premium 17" Wheels, Sports susp., alarm, fog lamps, heatable leather power seats w/memory, trip comp., auto climate control, power heated self dim mirrors, rain sensor auto wipers, all the toys possible, 10,500 miles, \$23,000. -Call Jeremy or Laura 255-4465

2001 CHEVY CAMERO: T-top, V6, Auto CD, P/W, P/S, A/C, 11,000 Mi., \$17,000, OBO. Call Betsy 254-0016.

MOTORCYCLE: 550 Kawasaki, runs great, must see to appreciate, \$500 OBO. Call 256-1914 AWH.

SERVICES: ATTN: LADIES, aesthetic body waxing and henna tattoos available right here on MCLB. Great rates, call for your appointment, 252-8666.

MISCELLANEOUS: Child's loft bed w/side rails and homework desk underneath, \$150 OBO. Call 256-1914 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Freezer, 13 cu. ft., manual defrost, works good, \$100. Call 254-3788.

MISCELLANEOUS: Window G.E. room air conditioner, 8,000 BTU/9.8 EER, will cool approx. 250-300 sq. ft., 3 cooling and 2 fan speed, still in the box, \$175. Call 252-3309 Lv Msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Crib with mattress, white xlt. cond., \$100. Call 252-5818 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Grass trimmer, cordless battery chargeable, \$25; Nokia 5120 cell phone with battery and case, \$35. Call 242-8839.

MISCELLANEOUS: Towing mirrors, \$40/pair, receiver hitch class III, \$75; Michelin tires LT 235 85 R16 xlt. Cond. 7 at \$45. each; Metal platform hitch haul f/auto or truck, nearly new, \$75. Call 256-6629.

MISCELLANEOUS: Oak pool table, includes sticks, stick rack, balls and cover, \$500. Call 252-5831 or 252-2815.

WANTED: Sewing machine in good working condition. Will pay fair price. Call 243-2349.

